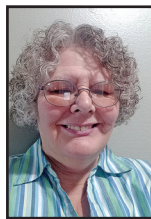


Eagle Scout Project Makes a Difference



Most of the Park Rehab Crew
Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



On Saturday, August 24, dozens helped to renovate the entire Heritage Park. John Sommer, 17, who is working toward his Eagle assignment, was behind this; rounding up organizations to help this big project.



John Sommer
Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

Tim Pool, representing the Sons of the American Legion, spearheaded the Pavilion makeover; sanding and repainting the posts in anticipation of this year's Fall Fest. Pool said, "We are so proud of Townsend; we want to show all the folks that come to Fall Fest, just how our pride shows."

The Rotary took charge of sanding and repainting all of the picnic tables. Jeff Langlinais was busy, quite visible in his white hat. He made sure the sanders and the painters had everything they needed. As the afternoon wore on, you could see him with a brush in his hand. A big, big job! Many hands make for short work.

Lunch was served to the hungry volunteers. Pizza, cold cuts for sandwiches, cookies, chips and lots of drinks were enjoyed and appreciated.



Jeanine Stone hard at work painting picnic tables.
Photo Credits: Dee Gannon

John has been a scout for many years; his dad, Eric Sommer, is troop leader of Scout Troop 212. There were many scouts and scout parents to help. John's mom, Stacey Sommer, works at Walmart and had some friends from there who volunteered as well.

They replaced the three swing sets that were over 100 years old and the two "spring riders" for little kids. There will be a bucket swing for babies and a generational swing for parents who want to ride with their children.



Lots of work, digging holes and setting level swing sets. Damon, Eric Sommer, Walker Young and Aiden Mosher (kneeling).
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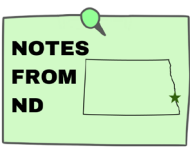
The cemented holes must cure until Tuesday, August 27, so completed pictures aren't available by this writing. Feel free to drive by and see the improvements. Your children, and the child within you, will be all smiles!

Congratulations to John Sommer and thank you to all who made this huge project come to fruition!

Special thanks to Rotary, Walmart and the Canton Valley Women's Club (who disbanded this year after 100 years, this being their last donation) for their generous financial help toward this project.

College is Finally Here!

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



After a long, much-needed vacation, college is finally here and I can't believe that it has started! I was extremely excited

when I first got to the NDSU campus; all my worries had left. I had just arrived at a new place where I could start fresh and meet people who could be lifelong friends, learn what I needed to become a livestock veterinarian and overall, slowly adjust to living on my own and away from family.

Though my family and I arrived later than the move-in time slots, I quickly realized that it was going to be an extremely smooth transition. We unloaded all of my stuff onto the sidewalk, moved our vehicles to the parking lot, and walked everything up the three flights of stairs to my dorm room. Within the next hour, my belongings had been placed around the room and I spent the rest of the night shopping and eating out with my family for one last time until I come back.



The adjustment into a double-styled dorm room is complete as I make it look like home!
Photo Credits: Mikayla Kraft

The next morning, on Sunday, I decided to take the first step into getting plugged into a healthy community. My roommate Greta and I made our way to one of the theatre halls to attend the Chi Alpha weekly service. Our main goal was to find an amazing, God-fearing group of college students, and right off the bat, we found our people. I signed up to be a part of this organization and I have never been so excited.

In addition, I met a new person from across the hall. I met Cameron after she offered me a hammer of hers to use as I set up an organizer in my room. Even though we didn't do much talking at the time, that evening she invited me to eat lunch in the West Dining Center. This Minnesotan girl with a Biology major and a lululemon-obsessed and plant-loving personality was so sweet and I can see us hanging out more in the future!

Now that I am settled in, I have to prepare for classes that start on Tuesday. I read through every syllabus, downloaded every app, saved every email and gathered everything that I needed for the first day of this semester. I even walked across campus multiple times to ensure that I knew where my classes would be and remember which way to go.

Overall, I have learned to not be shy but instead outgoing and open to doing new things and meeting new people. Being fearful of the new track life has taken only negatively impacts the experience, whereas a cheerful attitude, even if faked for a short amount of time, can turn the whole experience into one full of excitement and joy!

Solid Waste Proposes Assessment Increase for 2024-25 Tax Year

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



County Public Works Director TJ Graveley asked Broadwater County Commissioners to consider setting solid waste assessments at \$260 – up from \$185 – for the 2024-25 tax year. The increase would account for lost revenue due to delinquent taxes from 2023-24.

County Commissioners held a public hearing on the increase during their regular Aug. 28 meeting.

Graveley told commissioners that the solid waste advisory board had originally recommended assessments be set at \$245 for the upcoming year. The increase reflects a distribution of about \$50,000 in delinquent revenue that would normally go toward solid waste. The department budget will also include an annual inflator of up to 3.5 percent to minimize the need for significant increases in the assessments moving forward.

County commissioner Lindsay Richtmyer noted that the increase – \$21.66 – is less than the cost of a cup of coffee or beer per month.

Commission chair Darrel Folkvord noted that the county is already moving forward with liens and other actions to ensure that delinquent taxes can be recovered. However, many of those delinquencies are related to mobile homes that are moved without notice to the county.

On a related note, Graveley told the commission that around 25 percent of assessments that were unbilled in previous years due to a data transfer error have already been paid as of mid-August.

Honoring Our Veterans – Dean Nygaard

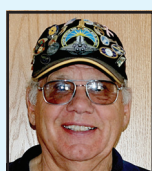


Dean Nygaard as a young Navy enlisted man
Photo Courtesy of Dean



Dean Nygaard receives his promotion to Mess Specialist 3rd Class (MS3)
Photo Courtesy of Dean

Matt Nelson



This story is about U.S. Navy veteran Dean Nygaard. He and his twin brother Dale were born and raised in Cut Bank, Montana and lived there until they both joined the Navy in 1975 at age 19. They were honorably discharged in 1979. From 1980 until 1985 Dean joined the Seabees/Naval Reserves and was stationed at the Sand Point Naval Station, located north of the (UW) University of Washington campus in the Seattle area. He and his wife Karen moved to Townsend two years ago.

Two weeks before Dean and Dale were to enter college after high school graduation, Dale wanted the two of them to join the navy at the same time. Following boot camp Dale was stationed in Guam and Dean was stationed in Hawaii on the USS Brunswick, an ocean-going tugboat, based at Hickman Air Force Base. After Pearl Harbor in 1941, the Navy had to have a tugboat that could go out on the ocean and tow damaged boats back in. For Dean, it was kind of nice being on an Air Force Base. In his unit, there were 8 officers and 96 enlisted personnel.

“We had duty every three days, and we had two watches every single duty day. I was a Boatswain Mate for the first 9 months, then I got called to do mess cook duty. At that time, I was thinking I should cross over and try and find something that I could do on the outside. I thoroughly enjoyed cooking. I asked a 1st Class Petty Officer how hard is it to do this – becoming a full-time cook.

This man took Dean aside, and said, “You know Dean, I have watched you, you like what you are doing, you’re a good listener and a good worker. If you want to become a cook I will put in a requisition for you, because they don’t let too many cross-train. Let me tell you the racket we

have here.”

Dean replied, “Oh, there is a racket now?”

The Petty Officer answered, “When we are on shore, we work three days on and two days off, two days on and three days off. But I kid you not. You are up at around 3:30 to 4 o’clock in the morning, and you don’t get done until 7:30 or 8 o’clock at night. I will help you with that. I will show you the ropes so it won’t be so hard. When we are out at sea, you work one day on and one day off, and you stand no duty.”

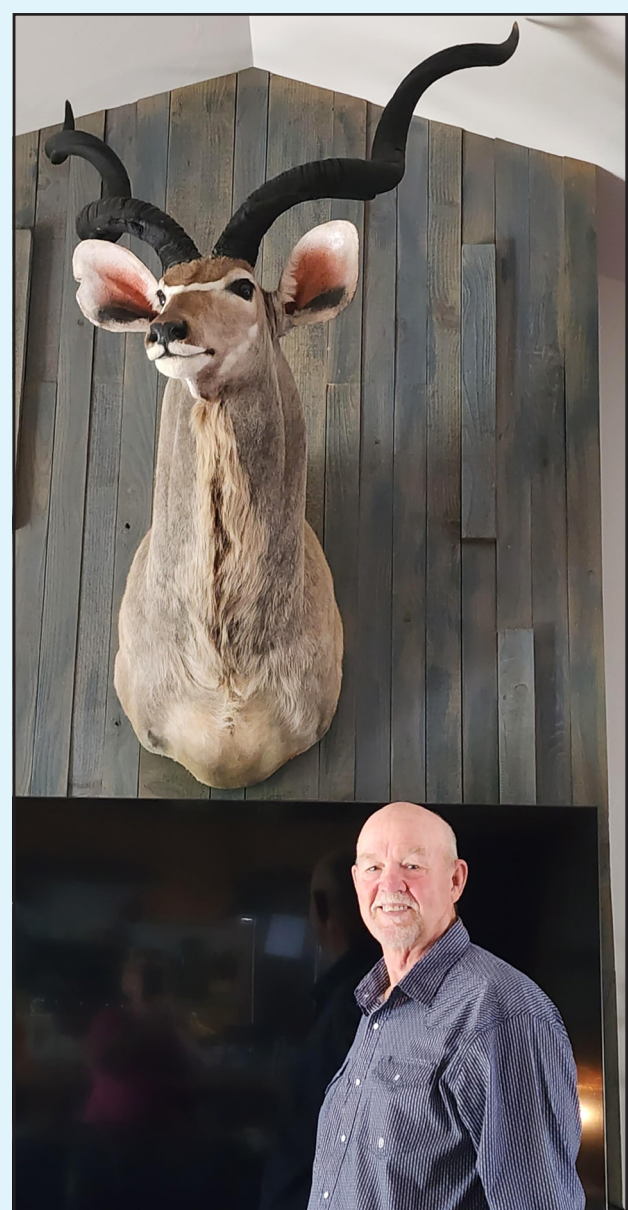
Dean said, “Oh, this is tempting. I needed to be able to do something when I got out. No matter what I did in the Navy I could always fall back on something. So I became a cook and then I became an officer’s cook. I worked up in the wardroom taking care of the officers. That’s where that little story of ‘Me and 8 officers came in.’ It worked out well as long as they obeyed my rules! Every now and then they would get a little bit uppity, so I went and talked to the Executive Officer, telling him that I was always respectful to them, but they need to respect my workspace because I am in charge of all the food that comes and goes, and if it is gone then I am the one that gets yelled at. After they understood, they and became very respectful.”

“My final rate was MS3, Mess Specialist 3rd Class. Now it is called Culinary Specialist. I was supposed to get Petty Officer 2nd Class but my ship was headed out on a West Pac (Western Pacific cruise), and I only had a month and a half left, so they kept me on shore and gave me an early out.”

“After I got out I met a man in my Church who was a Seabee and he talked me into joining the Seabees. He was assigned to the LSD (Landing Ship Dock) Thomaston, where he also cooked. In 1985 the Seabees decided to send me to a mine sweeper that was heading over to the Persian Gulf. That’s when I decided that I had enough.”

After his discharge from the Seabees, Dean stayed in the Seattle area and started painting houses. Eventually, he started working in Real Estate. In 2022 his best friend Brian Davidson paid for both of them to go on a hunting trip in Johannesburg area of South Africa where Dean shot the kudu he has mounted over his fireplace.

Dean and Karen are heavily involved with the Trailhead Christian Church.



Dean's kudu at his home
Photo Courtesy of Karen and Dean

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Townsend School Calendar


AUGUST

Fri 30

NO SCHOOL

5:30PM Lil Dog Cheer Performance Refresher at Stage Gym

7:00PM HSFB vs Cut Bank
XC @ Boulder (HS Only)



SEPTEMBER

Mon 2

NO SCHOOL- Labor Day

Tue 3

7:00PM Booster Club Meeting at The Bridge

Thu 5

Dept. of Revenue Town Hall All Day at Community Room
HSVB @ Three Forks

Fri 6

7:00PM HSFB vs Florence
XC @ Belgrade

Sat 7

HSVB @ Choteau

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

Wed 28 to Sun 1

The Wall That Heals (replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall) at Father Sheehan Park in Butte
READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 4

Friday 30

10:00AM Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library

12:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Saturday 31

6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1

5:00pm Shakespeare in the Park: The Winter's Tale at Heritage Park; Backup Location at Broadwater High School Stage Gym

Monday 2

1:00pm American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club

Tuesday 3

5:00pm American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club

5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Wednesday 4

1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 5

3:00- 6:00PM FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park

7:00pm Katie Powner: Townsend Library Book Club Author Event at Broadwater County Library

7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

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Saturday 7

5:00- 7:30PM Broadwater Community Health's Community Benefit Dinner at Bunkhouse Bar in Toston
DETAILED AD ON PAGE 2

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Author Katie Powner Montana resident for 20 years

Come see Katie Powner on September 5th, 7 pm at the Townsend Library





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Three Forks School Calendar

AUGUST

Fri 30 - Sat 31

HS Volleyball @ Choteau Tourney TBD

Fri 30

HS Cross Country @ Jefferson TBD

7:00PM HS Football vs Missoula Loyola @ MSU

Sat 31

Girls Flag Football Jamboree @ Hamilton TBD



SEPTEMBER

Tue 3

HS FCCLA Meeting Lunchtime

4:00PM HS Volleyball vs Manhattan

Wed 4

MS FCCLA Meeting @ Lunch

Thu 5

4:00PM HS Volleyball vs Townsend

4:00PM JH Volleyball vs Ennis

MS Book Club at Lunch

Fri 6

7:00PM HS Football vs Shepherd

Sat 7

1:00PM Girls Flag Football Jamboree @ Home

5:00PM HS Volleyball @ Lone Peak

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

Friday 30

11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

Saturday 31

7:00PM Kitchen Dwellers at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1

4:00PM Kansas Street Closed - Wrangler Team Roping Championships at City Hall

Monday 2

Three Forks Community Library CLOSED in Observance of Labor Day

City Hall CLOSED in Observance of Labor Day

Tuesday 3

1:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg

4:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Teen Book Club

7:00PM Three Forks Fire Department Business Meeting at Fire Hall

Wednesday 4

5:30PM Bozeman Music Night with Brian Kassey at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Thursday 5

6:00PM RESERVED Helton-Peterson Park for Soccer Practice

7:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Jakob Alexander at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 6

11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

Saturday 7

11:00AM RESERVED Stevenson Park Gazebo - Syverson birthday party at Stevenson Park

Billings Clinic Transit Shuttle to Helena

Richard Majszak
Billings Clinic

Billings Clinic Transit Shuttle to Helena on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for appointments and Shopping.

A \$15 donation is suggested.

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BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Monday 2


2:00pm Commission Working Meeting

Tuesday 3

2:00pm Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioners Office)

Wednesday 4

10:00am Commission Meeting



LIBRARY HOURS

Three Forks Community Library

FALL HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 5:00pm

Tuesdays - 10:00am - 7:00pm

1st Saturday of the Month: 11:00am - 2:00pm

Contact the library for details on clubs and events for a variety of ages at (406) 285-3747, or visit the website: threeforkslibrary.weebly.com

Broadwater School and Community Library

FALL HOURS:

Monday-Thursday -- 4:00 - 7:00pm

Friday-Saturday -- 9:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday -- 12:00 - 5:00pm

Curbside also available please call: (406)441-3461

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.

Next meeting: September 18th, 7:00PM

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| Bread and Butter Cafe 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: 7:00AM- 2:00PM Menu available on Facebook Closed Sunday and Monday | Bunkhouse Bar & Grill 8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - Close Grill off at 10:00PM | Copy Cup 303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call on business hours Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday | Fishtale Tavern 209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary | Mint Cafe 305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Mon - Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM Menu: themintbarandgrill.com/menu | Broadwater Area Restaurants Contact MT 43 News, Monday- Friday 10AM - 2PM, if you would like to talk about how to add your dining location and open hours to our paper! 406.266.0086 |

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The Wall that Heals Coming to Butte

Michael Taapken
 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund



The Wall That Heals, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., will be on display at Father Sheehan Park in Butte from Aug. 28 to Sept. 1.

The Wall That Heals honors the more than 3 million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War, and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam, including 22 from Butte-Silver Bow County and 267 from Montana. The display and a mobile Education Center will be open 24 hours a day and free to the public to experience.

"The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is pleased to bring The Wall That Heals mobile exhibit to Butte, MT, to allow local veterans and their family members a chance to experience The Wall," said Jim Knotts, president and CEO of the VVMF. "Hosting The Wall That Heals provides an opportunity to honor and remember all those who served and sacrificed in the Vietnam War and educate visitors on the continuing impact of the Vietnam War on America."

Butte was selected one of 32 cities from 85 applicants to host the large traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. Butte will be the only city within a thousand miles to host this special

exhibit for the 2024 calendar year. Organizers are anticipating tens of thousands of visitors to visit the display, pay their respects and say, "Welcome home."

The Wall That Heals is 375 feet long and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Visitors will experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of The Wall in D.C. Visitors are able to do name rubbings of individual service member's names on The Wall.

The Wall That Heals is transported from community to community in a 53-foot trailer. When parked, the trailer opens with exhibits built into its sides, allowing it to serve as a mobile Education Center that tells the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the divisive era in American history in a historical and cultural context. The Education Center exhibit also includes digital photo displays of "Hometown Heroes" – service members whose names are on The Wall and whose home of record is within the area of a visit. The Education Center also exhibits digital photos of Vietnam veterans from the local area honored through VVMF's In Memory program, which honors veterans who returned home from Vietnam and later died.

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The Wall That Heals History

Since its debut in 1996, the exhibit has been on display in more than 700 U.S. communities in addition to an April 1999 tour of the Four Provinces of Ireland and a visit to Canada in 2005. The Wall That Heals is a program of VVMF, the nonprofit organization that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. in 1982. The Wall That Heals is the only traveling exhibit affiliated with The Wall in Washington, D.C. and includes the largest Wall replica that travels the country. Two VVMF staff members lead volunteers on site, educate visitors and students, and ensure the reflective atmosphere of The Wall. More information can be found at www.thewallthatheals.org.

About VVMF

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C. in 1982. VVMF continues to lead the way in paying tribute to our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families. VVMF's mission is to honor and preserve the legacy of service in America and educate all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War and era through programs, ceremonies and educational materials. To learn more about VVMF, visit www.vvmf.org or call 202-393-0090.

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Welcome to Townsend
Dr. Paul Engstrom
 Family & Emergency Medicine



Paul Engstrom, MD

Welcome Family Medicine physician, Paul Engstrom, MD, to Billings Clinic Broadwater. Dr. Engstrom was raised on a wheat farm outside of the tiny town of Reserve, Montana, located about twenty miles from Canada and twenty miles from North Dakota. He attended the University of Montana Tech in Butte and studied organismal biology while playing all five years of basketball for the Orediggers. After graduation, he began working as a CNA in Missoula, MT, while he applied for medical school. This taught him more compassion and empathy than he could have learned anywhere else and remains one of his best experiences to this day. The next four years were spent at the University of Washington School of

Medicine, in Seattle Washington, and he bounced back and forth between Montana and Seattle before arriving in Grand Junction, Colorado. He completed his residency at Saint Mary's Hospital. While Colorado treated him well, he continued to miss his home state. When the job presented itself in Townsend at Billings Clinic Broadwater, he jumped at the opportunity. His special interests are emergency medicine and the full spectrum of family medicine.

Dr. Engstrom enjoys skiing, mountain biking, hiking, and working out. He is looking forward to serving the people of Townsend, while taking advantage of all the wonderful outdoor activities Western Montana has to offer.

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In accordance with 7-6-4021 and 7-6-4024 MCA, the Broadwater County Commissioners will be holding a public hearing to adopt a revised resolution, for the Final Operating Budget and Setting Appropriation Authority for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025. The hearing is set for Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 10:00 AM, located at the Flynn Building, 416 Broadway St.

Any taxpayer or resident may appear and be heard for or against any part of the proposed budget. Budget documents may be viewed in the Clerk and Recorder's Office during regular business hours or on the website at www.broadwatercountymt.com. Written comments are also being accepted up to 24 hours prior to the hearing and should be sent to: Commissioners, 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644 or emailed to commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us.

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NOTICE OF SECOND READING OF THE CITY OF TOWNSEND FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE 2024-01

The Second Reading of Floodplain Ordinance 2024-01 to be held before the Townsend City Council on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Townsend City Hall, 110 Broadway in Townsend, MT.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. For additional information contact the Townsend City Clerk at 406-2366-3911 or at 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway proposes to install 22, 50-ft-tall communications poles in their railroad right-of-way in Broadwater County, MT at (latitude, longitude) 46.110594, -111.42732; 46.121561, -111.412325; 46.131189, -111.395801; 46.149892, -111.420909; 46.172873, -111.442019; 46.19803, -111.452399; 46.221358, -111.461646; 46.244378, -111.471682; 46.267697, -111.48742; 46.29366, -111.505143; 46.323944, -111.525715; 46.346808, -111.539515; 46.362773, -111.565026; 46.385576, -111.593864; 46.406649, -111.609568; 46.429192, -111.627658; 46.457166, -111.641473; 46.479161, -111.659927; 46.499356, -111.690056; 46.523051, -111.713643; 46.536533, -111.745792; 46.555097, -111.773114, which will be licensed through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

As part of its responsibilities assigned by FCC for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), BNSF invites the public to notify BNSF of any effects the placement of this tower may have on properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or any concerns the public may have with regard to the potential impact the tower may have on natural and cultural resources subject to NEPA or NHPA review and consideration.

Please direct your comments to Ian Waters at HDR, 10450 Holmes Rd, Suite 600, Kansas City, MO 64131 or ian.waters@hdrinc.com. Comments must be received within 10 days of this notice.

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August 23

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Christopher Abbott's courtroom on Friday, August 23 is as follows:

Douglas Knight had an Initial Appearance, facing charges of felony partner/family member assault (3+) and criminal possession of drug paraphernalia.

John Hansson appeared for a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to theft of a vehicle, 2 counts of tampering with, or fabricating physical evidence. In his elocution, he stated that he drove a vehicle that wasn't his in Broadwater County and solicited help in changing the vehicle's appearance. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered. He is to have no contact with his co-defendant.

Lucas Browning had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to negligent endangerment. In his elocution, he related that he operated a vehicle after drinking too much in Broadwater County; causing a threat of bodily injury. He is Sentenced to a \$600 fine, along with fees and surcharges of \$80.

James Normand had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment, pleading Not Guilty to charges of DUI (4+), failing to signal for a turn, no driver's license, and a headlight violation. Omnibus is due by October 18, Pre-Trial is set for February 21; with the Jury Trial scheduled for March 17.

Kyler Stewert had been scheduled for an Evidentiary Hearing on multiple charges. That hearing is continued until October 25.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Ava Arrowtopknot, Great Falls: driving w/out valid ID \$135.00 No insurance-1st offense \$285.00
Brand Johnson, Tempe, AZ: day speed \$70.00
Hope Barker, Sidney: day speed \$20.00
David Bodine, Asbury, NJ: day speed \$70.00
Matthew Davis, Whitefish: day speed \$70.00
Galen Maclean, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Wilbert Pino, Billings: day speed \$20.00
Dann Prella, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
Jacob Roundy, Three Forks: careless driving \$85.00
Joseph Shelton, Anaconda: day speed \$20.00
Judith Slate, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Connor Stephenson, Brooklyn NY: day speed \$70.00
Timothy Varner, Torrance, CA: day speed \$20.00
Mandy Woodmansee, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Jacob Anderson, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Esam Al-Ghabari, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00
David Brown, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Nicholas Bernard, Livingston: day speed \$20.00
Allan Basilio, Falls Church, VA: day speed \$70.00
Donald Becker, Fairfield: day speed \$20.00
Lisa Coombs, Greenwood Village, CO: day speed \$70.00
Christina Cavanaugh, Three Forks: restricted speed \$85.00
Kenneth Diehl, Fountain Hills, AZ: day speed \$20.00
Dylan Domke, Belgrade: interstate night speed \$120.00
Maksim Danilau, Owings Mills, MD: day speed \$70.00
Leighanne Daily, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00
Forrest Fairbanks, Bozeman: interstate day speed \$40.00
Gustravo Fouilloux, Chicago, IL: day speed \$70.00
Olivia Giono, Townsend: day speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Joshua Rodriguez- Waverly, Ks- operate non-commercial vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program
Dalton Bosley – Townsend – Driving w/out a dl-never possessed, plead guilty, \$75.00 fines and fees; No insurance-1st, plead guilty, \$275.00 fines and fees; careless driving, plead guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Heather Farmer – East Helena – Aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but two days suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.
Chance Wade – Townsend - Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Matthew Mciver, Livingston: night speed \$20.00
Christina Blaylock, Manhattan: day speed \$70.00
Marty Johnson, Salem, OR: day speed \$20.00
Dominic Anderson, Three Forks: day speed \$20.00
Victoria Bergstrom, Clancy: day speed \$20.00
Lauren Dewit, Kalispell: day speed \$70.00
Gloria Darling, East Helena: day speed \$70.00
Drew Esponda, Clancy: night speed \$120.00
Morgan Gates, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Sarah Gebhardt, Townsend: day speed \$20.00
Danielle Gravelin, Kila: day speed \$20.00
Pascal Hagenimana, Randall, TX: night speed \$70.00
Matiyos Hopper, Covington, WA: night speed \$20.00
Alexander Jarecki, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00 Expired registration \$85.00
Byron Lopez, Lewistown: day speed \$70.00
Armas Marina, Northridge, CA night speed \$120.00
Brianna Plant, Clancy: day speed \$20.00
Nicole Rendon, Missoula: day speed \$70.00
Payton Salge, Fort Worth, TX: day speed \$70.00
Jefferey Sweeney, Cumming, GA: night speed \$20.00
Siemone Smith, Chicago, IL: day speed \$20.00
Melvin Weston, Cardston: day speed \$70.00
Clayton Watson, Townsend: day speed \$120.00
Jordan Zarek, Helena: night speed \$20.00 No insurance-1st offense \$285.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Andrew Cohn – Third Judicial District Court, Salt Lake County, Utah – No Bond

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Daylene Hansen
Administrative Assistant



BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
515 Broadway, Townsend
Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St.

Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.com>.

Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, the agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting.

Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

OFFICIAL agendas are posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting in the Courthouse (1st-floor bulletin board), on our website at www.broadwatercountymt.com, in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

1:00 PM Working meeting in Commission Office with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, regarding projects and deadlines

2:00 PM Working meeting in Commission Office with Kay Minor, Deputy County Attorney, regarding projects and deadlines

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

10:00 AM Public comment on any subject not on the agenda, that the Commission has jurisdiction over.

10:00 AM Public Hearing, a Revised Resolution Adopting the Final Operating Budget and Setting Appropriation Authority For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, a Revised Resolution Adopting the Final Operating Budget and Setting Appropriation Authority For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Rocky Mountain Development Council, Community Service Block Grant 2024 – 2025 Work Plan approval

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Airport Zoning Regulations, Permit application

10:20 AM Discussion, Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Townsend K-12 School District #1, Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Report and Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Trustees Report

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, 2024 Amended Subdivision Regulations

The county strives to make the meeting available virtually but cannot guarantee access due to platform failure, internet interruptions, or other potential technological malfunctions

Items for Discussion / Action / Review / Signature
– Consent Agenda

- Certificate of Survey review
- Management – on-going advisory board appointments
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail – ongoing grants
- Correspondence – support letters
- Task Orders

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Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website)

- Trust Board Meeting on September 10th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on September 10th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on September 10th at 6:00 PM
- Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on September 11th at 2:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on September 12th at 5:30 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on September 16th at 2:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on September 16th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on September 17th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on September 17th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on September 17th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on September 18th at 6:00 PM
- LEPC Meeting on September 19th at 1:00 PM

The Commissioners may be attending these board meetings (except the Planning Board)

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EPA's Tailpipe Rule Disregards Rural Areas

Senator Wendy McKamey
Represents Montana Senate
District 12



As we rush into an era of innovation, careful consideration must be taken for the communities holding our nation together.

Repeatedly overlooked, rural residents are often those involved in labor-intensive work, like farming or logging, that everyday people across the country rely on. The EPA's tailpipe emissions rule, designed to artificially increase electric vehicle (EV) sales, will have significant consequences for both American consumers forced to purchase expensive vehicles, and the businesses forced to meet the demands of an ill-fitted transition. It's time for more consideration to be given to rural communities that keep the nation running by revoking this ill-conceived rule.

Traditional gas vehicles that have been the foundation of our communities will essentially be banned in a few short years should Biden's EPA get its way. The rules enforce that more than half of light and medium-duty vehicles be electric by 2032, drastically reducing the number of new gas vehicles available on the market. This burdensome mandate will force financially-conscious Montanans to spend outside of their budget for a vehicle that's wildly incompatible with their lifestyle.

A recent lawsuit brought forward by the American Petroleum Institute, the American Farm Bureau Federation, and other partners against the EPA's mandate is a step in the right direction to bring security back to the communities that support us.

For the EPA to create a rule that drastically threatens the availability of affordable, traditional gas-powered vehicles is not only inconsiderate but poorly planned. Per American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall, "impractical standards for light-duty and medium-duty trucks will drive up the cost of farm vehicles and force farmers to rely on a charging network that does not yet exist in rural areas." As stated, EVs required charging stations, an inaccessible luxury for most Montanans. Our home state is one of the slowest to build the necessary infrastructure, with just 128 charging locations, most of which are located in our larger cities. Until rural communities are offered the same consideration and investment as metro areas, rules like this will continue to fail us.

In addition to the lack of available charging stations, the enormous price tag that comes with EVs in comparison to internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles negatively impacts everyone along the supply chain, including both businesses and consumers. In the first quarter of 2024, there was a 42% gap in the average cost of EVs compared to ICE vehicles. Adding insult to injury, even for those customers who can tackle the daunting initial cost, studies show that 46% of current EV owners switch back to ICE vehicles.

Coupled with the expensive price tag, our nation is not in a position where we should be encouraging our citizens to live beyond their means, especially when they're being forced to do so. Our market is and always has been based on allowing consumers to choose what suits them and their families best.

It's time for the EPA to take rural communities like ours into consideration. Our farmers, manufacturers, and most importantly, our residents, make up the communities we love, which is why extra consideration must be taken when it comes to the federal regulations those down in Washington force upon us. The everyday people who build our towns and neighborhoods are important, and it's time that our communities are no longer overlooked.

Why You Cannot Trust the Montana Chamber of Commerce

The Montana Chamber cannot be trusted when it comes to Montana Supreme Court candidate endorsements.

The Montana Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will formally endorse candidates in the 2024 Montana Supreme Court elections. Sadly, they have a penchant for endorsing extremely partisan, unqualified candidates over highly qualified Justices. Lucky for us the Chamber's Supreme Court picks haven't been winning.

This year may be no different. There are two important elections for the Montana Supreme Court on the ballot in November – one for Chief Justice and one for a Justice seat, both open due to retirements. Judge Jerry Lynch and Cory Swanson are running to succeed the Chief Justice, and Judge Katherine Bidegaray and Dan Wilson are running for the Justice seat.

What the Montana Chamber doesn't tell their membership or you about their supposedly 'fair' endorsement process is they have already spent thousands of dollars advocating for the extreme politically partisan candidates – Swanson and Wilson – even before making their endorsements official. Swanson and Wilson both share the same extreme partisan leanings and are professionally and personally connected to last election cycle's unqualified losing hyper-partisan candidate James Brown.

Voters are already seeing Chamber-backed advertising filled with lies, half-truths, and obfuscations. These ads are expensive. Out-of-state corporate and special interest-funded political action committees (PACs) with fake names pour money into them to mislead voters.

For example, Montanans for Fair Taxes is funded by out-of-state pharmaceutical companies, tobacco companies, uber-wealthy political extremists, and Montana Chamber money. The same is true for another shady group hypocritically called Montanans for Judicial Accountability.

It's a scheme cooked up by a group of partisan political hacks.

Here's how it works. A partisan hack creates a generically named PAC that accepts money from a special interest account filled with tens of thousands from out-of-state corporations, wealthy political extremists, and the Montana Chamber. Then, the partisan hack creates more misleadingly named PACs, and fills them with the tainted Montana Chamber money.

Next, negative and misleading text and email messages, direct mail pieces, and Facebook ads barrage you and our fellow Montana voters, maligning and denigrating very well-qualified non-partisan judges with lies, half-truths, and nasty pictures. It's disgusting and should be questioned. Voters have seen through this smoke screen in the past. And, you should see through it again in this election.

Only you decide who to support in the upcoming Montana Supreme Court elections. Let's choose the most qualified candidates with decades of Montana legal experience as attorneys and jurists, like Judge Lynch and Judge Bidegaray.

We need experienced Supreme Court justices who are impartial, can't be bought off, adhere to the Constitution, back the blue, and eschew politics and partisanship. And, let's be very clear, Montana voters and Chamber members are being misled by dishonest partisan endorsements from the unethical Montana Chamber of Commerce.

Jayson O'Neill
Helena resident

West Nile Virus Detected in Mosquitos

Jon Ebel
Communications Director, DPHHS



DPHHS urges Montanans to take extra care to avoid mosquito bites.

State and local health officials are reporting today the first Montana West Nile virus (WNV) detections for summer 2024 in mosquitoes across four counties.

Six mosquito pools in Blaine, Dawson, Prairie, and Wibaux counties have tested positive for WNV. Detection in mosquitoes is an early indicator that activity is increasing within the state, putting humans at higher risk of illness. Historically, Montana identifies the first human and/or horse WNV cases of the year within about two weeks of detecting WNV in mosquitoes.

"Now is the time to take action against WNV if you haven't already started thinking about mosquito bite prevention this season," said DPHHS Vectorborne Disease Epidemiologist, Devon Cozart. "Infection can result in minor or severe illness, including death. Even minor forms of infection can leave individuals feeling ill and fatigued for weeks."

Infections can occur in humans after a bite from an infected Culex mosquito. Increased risk of transmission to humans is expected to continue through October – or as long as mosquitoes are active in the state.

Most people who become infected with WNV will not experience symptoms, but 1 in 5 experience minor illnesses causing headache, rash, body aches, joint pains, fatigue, vomiting, and diarrhea. Fatigue and body aches may persist for weeks following infection.

About 1 in 150 human infections result in severe disease, referred to as neuroinvasive West Nile. Neuroinvasive West Nile can cause neurological symptoms including disorientation, stupor, coma, paralysis, vision loss, and convulsions. WNV can be fatal or lead to long-term neurological complications such as paralysis.

Currently, there is no vaccine or targeted medication for WNV in humans, aside from supportive care.

Horses can also be infected with WNV. Horse owners may contact their veterinarian to obtain an annual vaccine to protect against WNV.

Preventing mosquito bites is important while spending time outdoors in the summer, especially during dusk and dawn, which are peak feeding activity times for female Culex mosquitoes. Permethrin is an insect repellent that can be utilized to treat clothing and gear, including tents. The Environmental Protection Agency search tool is helpful for identifying the appropriate EPA-approved insect repellent that can be applied directly to the skin.

Mosquitoes that carry WNV rarely travel more than one mile from where they breed.

To keep mosquitoes away from homes, it's important to regularly empty standing water at least once per week. For items such as rain barrels, a screen can be applied to the opening to restrict mosquito access. Check out the 4 Ds of mosquito bite prevention below for other mosquito bite prevention tips.

The 4 Ds of Mosquito Bite Prevention:

- **DEET:** Use insect repellent containing effective ingredients such as DEET or picaridin. To verify the effectiveness of insect repellent, go to the EPA's website: <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents>
- **Drain:** Drain standing water around the house to prevent mosquito breeding.
- **Dawn/Dusk:** Mosquitoes are most active during dawn and dusk. Stay inside or take extra precautions to prevent mosquito bites during these times. If doors or windows are left open in the summer, make sure they're fitted with a screen to keep mosquitos out of the house.
- **Dress:** When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants to protect against bites.

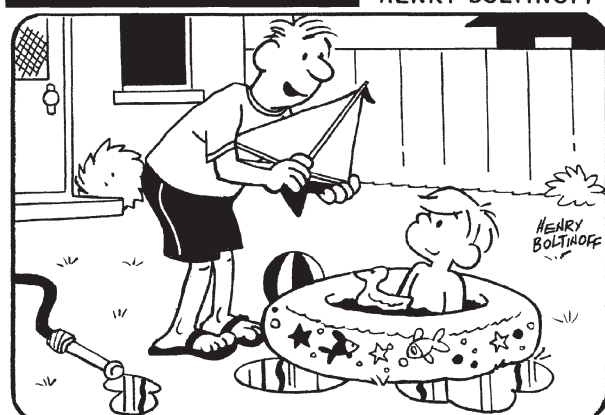
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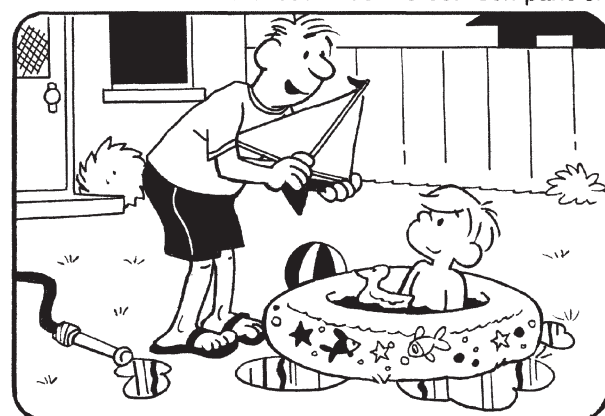
“Nothing will work unless you do.”
— Maya Angelou

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ball is moved. 2. Sailboat flag is moved. 3. Puddle is added. 4. Hose is moved. 5. Window is wider. 6. Stripe on shorts is moved.

Republicans, Democrats Float Ideas to Lower Home Property Taxes

Eric Dietrich
Montana Free Press



Policy pitches aimed at next year's legislative session come after last year's tax spike and before this fall's election.

Candidates across Montana's political spectrum expect the state's 2023 spike in residential property tax bills to be top of mind for many voters as they head to the polls this November. As such, Republican and Democratic factions are floating a variety of strategies for providing property tax relief to homeowners as candidates compete for support from frustrated voters this year.

Those proposals, some more detailed than others, would generally dial back taxes on residential property. They differ in whether to treat second homes and luxury properties differently from primary residences, as well as where they would dial taxes up to cover the cost of homeowner tax relief.

To read the full Montana Free Press Article, visit our website at <https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/BipartisanTaxIdeas>

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Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

| Fri 8/30 | Sat 8/31 | Sun 9/01 | Mon 9/02 | Tue 9/03 |
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| | | | | |
| Clear | Clear | Mostly Clear | Very Light Rain Showers | Light Rain Showers |
| 83° 53° | 81° 52° | 85° 56° | 85° 58° | 79° 55° |
| 0% | 0% | 0% | 7% | 23% |
| 6 16 mph | 6 18 mph | 6 13 mph | 6 12 mph | 7 19 mph |

Precipitation:

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| March: 0.409" | April: 1.189" |
| May: 2.721" | June: 0.968" |
| July: 0.040" | August: 0.402" |
| 2023: 13.669" | 2024: 7.013" |

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

YOU ARE PLAYING PERCENTAGE GOLF WHEN YOU TEE UP ON THE SAME SIDE AS THE WORST HAZARDS, THEN HIT AWAY FROM THEM.

THE BUNKERS ON THE LEFT ON THIS HOLE COULD COST YOU A STROKE IF YOU DRIVE INTO THEM, BUT GOING OUT OF BOUNDS ON THE RIGHT WILL DEFINITELY COST YOU TWO STROKES. THAT MAKES TEEING UP TO THE RIGHT THEN HITTING FOR THE LEFT SIDE OF THE FAIRWAY OBVIOUSLY THE SMARTEST STRATEGY.

STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

FORWARD MOMENTUM

When returning the serve, you should start in the ready position with your racket in front of you. Then, as the serve is hit, straighten your body and begin to move your weight forward.

Take a short backswing before you split-step, and get your body weight moving forward as you hit, adding power to your return.

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Gloss
ENSHI

Root
RIGONI

Clear
CUDLI

Infect
SNOOPI

TODAY'S WORD

"When I want your _____, I'll demand it."

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: M equals S

JUC HOR AOVJ RIM, UVRM HZL

MQHLRM DVFFVZ YARFM YZ

ZVBRIM HZL FVBYRM?

AURC'OR QIVA LRBYDRM.

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KNIGHT MOVES

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|---|---|---|
| E | S | S |
| D | | S |
| T | I | U |

Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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top ten

Most Expensive Paintings in the World: 2024

1. *Salvator Mundi*, attributed to Leonardo Da Vinci: \$450,300,000
2. *Interchange*, Willem de Kooning: \$300,000,000
3. *The Card Players*, Paul Cezanne: \$250,000,000
4. *When Will You Marry*, Paul Gauguin: \$210,000,000
5. *No. 17A, 1948*, Jackson Pollock: \$200,000,000
6. *No. 6 (Violet, Green and Red)*, Mark Rothko: \$186,000,000
7. *Les Femmes d'Alger (Version "O")*, Picasso: \$179,400,000
8. *Nu Couché*, Amedeo Modigliani: \$170,400,000
9. *Masterpiece*, Roy Lichtenstein: \$165,000,000
10. *No. 5, 1948*, Jackson Pollock: \$140,000,000

Source: The Netizens Report

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Lucie Winborne

- Have you ever thought that your dog's feet smell like corn chips? If so, you're not alone. In fact, the term "Frito Feet" was coined to describe the scent!
- The fastest knockout in pro boxing history occurred when Mike Collins floored Pat Brownson with his first punch and the match ended a mere four seconds after the bell.
- A person who enjoys doing crossword puzzles is called a cruciverbalist.
- Nestor Carbonell's portrayal of Richard Alpert on the hit TV series "Lost" led to an internet debate as to whether the actor was wearing eyeliner.
- During the Gemini IV missions in 1965, James McDivitt and Edward H. White were the first astronauts to have reportedly smuggled chewing gum into space without permission.
- On average, people in India spend 10 hours and 42 minutes a week reading, the most time of any country on Earth.
- Thumbs have their own pulse.
- The ringing of church bells at weddings can be traced to the Celtic heritage of Scotland and Ireland, when they were used to ward off evil spirits and grant wishes to the newlyweds.
- In 1965, Johnny Cash's younger brother, Tommy Cash, released a song titled "I Didn't Walk the Line."
- Upon hearing that the Great Fire of London might destroy his house, English diarist Samuel Pepys took care to bury his most prized possessions in his garden -- including a wheel of Parmesan cheese.
- Ravens in captivity can learn to talk better than parrots.
- When your "inner voice" speaks in your head, it triggers small muscle movements in your larynx.
- Each year, 40,000 tons of space dust settles on Earth.

Thought for the Day:
"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." -- Marcel Proust

Super Crossword

THE ROD SQUAD

ACROSS

1 It's removed from skim

8 Guitar's cousin

16 Nautical mop

20 Be cautious

21 Conditionally free, in a way

22 Rock's ZZ Top, e.g.

23 Building full of periodicals for soldiers?

25 Outer edges

26 Cursed

27 Takes too much, in brief

28 Moose cousin

29 Fries lightly

31 Unit of work

32 Body of water on which there are frequent haircutters' cruises?

35 Not sinking (wiseacres)

42 Safecracker, informally

43 Hailstorm on the highway?

45 Deg. from MIT Sloan

47 "Anaconda" director Luis

51 Savoir faire

52 Dumbbell selling for half off?

55 1950s-'70s defense gp.

56 Weapon in a boxing ring

58 MGM motto

59 Deliver, as a verdict

60 Politico Hatch

62 "Sure thing, gov'nor!"

64 "Sommersby" star Richard

65 Cleo's snake

68 World's best singer of Venetian gondoliers' songs?

72 Born, in Brest

73 South African Dutch

75 First name of Dr. Oz

76 Cereal grass disease

78 Quick on the uptake

80 Many eras

81 — -Seltzer

83 Suggest

87 Sticking the singer of "White Christmas" with a fishhook?

90 Tell the story of building brick

92 Certain

93 Guitar's cousin, for short

94 Actress Brigitte playing a Bohemian dancer?

96 "NFL Live" aier

98 Disconnect

99 Sailor's "Roger!"

100 16-ounce drink from a Starbucks next to a bodega?

105 Quick on the uptake

107 "No idea"

108 Frozen cubes

109 Gloomy —

110 Tent securer

115 Unleavened cornbread

116 One-wheeled cart carrying supplies for a toga party?

121 Guitarist Clapton

122 Dining places

123 Perfume

124 Marina fixture

125 Area with bad reception

126 Frankfurters

2 Caesar's "vidi," in English

3 Certain building brick

4 1980s Chrysler

5 Unnerve

6 Jackie's hubby #2

7 Choir male

8 Irate crowds

9 Ortiz of "Kristin"

10 "Ask Me Another" aier

11 Risk-taking types

12 Toothbrush brand

13 Actress Sondra

14 Type

15 Moniker of a loch monster

16 Having a hard time

17 Judges' orders

18 Singer Mann

19 — nova

24 Artist Degas

30 "Gemini Man" director

31 Cpts.' guesses

32 Sired, biblical-style

33 Aspire PC company

34 "French Kiss" co-star Meg

35 Pooch barks

36 — gras (goose-liver paste)

37 Singer — Del Rey

38 Keats' "Autumn"

39 Soak up

41 Test centers

44 Shoot again, as a gun

45 Mother of Bart Simpson

46 Capital of Kyrgyzstan

48 Witty Nash

49 — Khan ("The Jungle Book" tiger)

50 "If — falls in the forest ..."

53 Author Sheehy

54 Incorrect

57 Restrained

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62 Turn sour

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66 "What a pity!"

67 — -Canada (oil brand)

69 Love, to Luigi

70 City near Lake Tahoe

71 Become silver-haired

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102 Of an ancient alphabet

103 Ranch rope

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Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

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Elkhorn Community Fellowship
 126 N Cedar St. Townsend
 Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183
Sunday: 11:00am- Services
Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades
 | 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

Faith Baptist Church
 5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend
 Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219
Sunday: 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service
Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

Holy Cross Catholic Church
 101 S Walnut St. Townsend
 Parish Contact (406) 266-4811
 email: office@holycrossmt.org
Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades
 Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org
Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration
Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)
 110 E Street Townsend
 Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895
 MountainValleyChurch.org
Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry
Last Thursday of the month: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd Grades and 4th-Senior High | Parent Bible Study
 Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406
 Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

Radersburg Baptist Church
 7 Main St. Radersburg
 Pastor Richard Summerlin (406) 410-0458
Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship

Set Free Christian Fellowship
 318 Broadway St. Townsend; PO Box 1163
 Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181
Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery
Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

Seventh Day Adventist Church
 200 N Cedar St. Townsend
 Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768
Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Bible Study

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod
 301 N Cherry St. Townsend
 Council President Margie Urich (406) 599-9848
Sunday: 9:30am Services
Second Tuesday of the month: 4:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.
 Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
 916 Broadway St. Townsend
 Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255
Sunday: 8:30am Choir Practice | 9:30am Sacrament Meeting | 10:40am Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open For Family History Center appointment call Director, Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270
Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

Townsend United Methodist Church
 200 N Cedar St. Townsend
 Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390
 TownsendUMC.org
Sunday: 9:00am Services

Trailhead Christian Fellowship
 20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)
 Pastor Mark Roelofs (406) 266-4406
Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education | 10:00am Services
Wednesday: 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th-12th Grades



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| Wednesday, September 4 Roast Pork Mashed Potatoes | Friday, September 6 Polish Sausage Sauerkraut Steamed Potatoes California Vegetables Whole Grain Roll Pineapple |

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Common Sense
 BY BILL GARWOOD

Dementia: Caring While Scared

Jordan Rau
 KFF Health News

MTFP Violent altercations between residents in long-term care facilities are alarmingly common. A court case in Billings opens a window into the challenges, and the consequences, of caring for patients with dementia.

If you want to learn more about caring for victims of dementia visit the MT43 News website at:

<https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/DementiaCare>



Casey Shively sits in his family home in Cody, Wyoming, last month. In caring for his father with vascular dementia, "it got to the point where we couldn't do this anymore," he says. Photo Credit: Jessica Plance / KFF Health News

What Makes a Great Small Town?

I have talked about Townsend and all that makes it great before. This time I'm talking about any and all small towns, in America. I will use Townsend as an example because it's OUR hometown. And because I'm too lazy to go looking at all the other small towns, to gauge their pros and cons.

One thing I just observed (yes, I'm not all that observant) is our alleys, those smaller roads behind our lots, or between our regular street addresses. Alleys (mostly) make good neighbors. People taking out their trash meet and talk about their neighborhoods. Or just to offer advice on mowing lawns, or trimming hedges. I'd say "clandestine" meetings but I don't want to give the impression that there is "hanky panky" going on in our alleys. (What in blue blazes is "panky" anyway?)

I was driving around Townsend's alleys and found all kinds of neat-looking back yards! Lots of boats, old cars, etc. and WORKSHOPS! Wow, do you folks ever get into working on projects! All kinds of engine repair shops, maybe some "Mad Scientist" experiments going on. ("I see NOTHING").

One thing I love to watch is when tourists come into a business and are looking all amazed at how everyone seems to know everyone. If you have worked in Townsend, or around the area for a while everyone knows your name and will say hello. This is a wonderful thing, however, it sometimes scares the new folks or people just visiting. (Which is always Fun!)

Even our wonderful mail carriers get greeted warmly as they go about their appointed rounds in the morning; friendly people are everywhere. Why this unnerves some people I have no idea. We do have our own selection of "NUTS", of which I count myself among, thank you very much. People who walk around downtown saying hello to everyone... whether you can see them or not. These are called "Apparition Americans" or ghosts/spirits etc.; Townsend does seem to have many of these special folks. I guess they just love the town so much they don't want to leave.

Everyone remarks on the weather, a common phrase is: "looks like it might rain"...to which the folks ALWAYS answer: "but we NEED the moisture". We even have a good bar-to-church ratio, not too many of either. Want to know what's on the minds of local people? Read the bumper stickers, that will tell you the thoughts and feelings of everyone from our area. Our town is going through a great revival (NO there isn't a massive circus tent with Gospel singers..). People are just cleaning up and refurbishing their homes/land/vehicles. NICE!

So go out and walk around our town, see what is more than average about our town. You will be amazed and welcomed by local folks all over town. And just for fun, make a crazy face at a Tourist.

Bonanza Project Planned in Belt Creek- WSS Forest Service District

Chiara Cipriano
 Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest Service

Bonanza project to provide wood products to local mills and enhance forest conditions: Forest Service seeks comment



White Sulphur Springs, Mont. – August 9, 2024 — The Belt Creek-White Sulphur Springs Ranger District is seeking public comment on the Bonanza Project. The project is focused on restoring part of the Castle

Mountains that has experienced a long history of grazing, mining, timber harvesting and recreational use.

"This project allows us to move the forest closer to the desired conditions that will help it thrive long into the future," said District Ranger Helen Smith. "We anticipate that the timber harvest, a byproduct of this project, will also contribute to maintaining timber

industry infrastructure, including support to local mills and small businesses."

The project area consists of 37,000 acres in the Castle Mountains located in Meagher County, east of the city of White Sulphur and includes National Forest System lands primarily within Checkerboard Creek, Bonanza Creek, Flagstaff Creek, Middle Fork Musselshell River, Alabaugh Creek, Muddy Creek and Fourmile Creek watersheds.

An informational "Open House" was planned for this project on Tuesday, Aug. 13 from 4-6 p.m. at the White Sulphur Springs Senior Center, 101 1st Ave SE, White Sulphur Springs, MT. Forest staff was on hand to your answer questions or discuss the project in more detail.

A 30-day comment period began on August 6, 2024. Project information, including the scoping document, maps, and how-to comment can be found online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66532>. If you have additional questions, please contact Sharon Scott, Project Team Leader, at (406) 495-3943 or via email with a return receipt to sharon.a.scott@usda.gov.

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OBITUARY

Sandra Lee Turner
 May 19, 1946 to August 12, 2024

Family of Sandy Turner



Sandy Turner
 Photo Provided by Sandy's Family

Sandra (Sandy) Lee Turner passed away at home in Townsend, MT on August 12, 2024, at the age of 78. She was born in the hospital in Glasgow, MT on May 19, 1946, to Gordon and Leina Gray (Hubert). The family lived in Richland, MT. Sandy was the sister of 4 brothers, who she kept in line growing up. Sandy attended school in Opheim, MT and went on to college in Great Falls. She met Milo Turner and they married on June 10, 1967, a beautiful summer day. Milo and Sandy were married for over 57 years. During their marriage, they moved 38 times. Most of their life together was spent in Great Falls, Minneapolis, and Townsend. They lived all over the state and country, including internationally for 2 years in Iran. Sandy worked at Allstate Insurance Company for 20 years in Minneapolis and for 3 years at the Center for Mental Health in Helena.

The past 8 years, Milo and Sandy took in and cared for disabled veterans in their homes. These men were so special to Sandy and she cooked, cleaned, did laundry, and cared for them dearly. She said it was the least she could do after they gave so much to this country and the freedom we have. This was the kind of lady she was, so giving and so caring to everyone she knew. Sandy spent her days caring for her plants and flowers, petting her loving dogs, doing crossword puzzles, and tending to the needs of Milo and the disabled veterans living with them. She was quite the piano player and loved to take rides on the back roads with the windows down singing along to her favorite songs. Every anniversary Milo would buy Sandy red roses, the exact number to represent the number of years they were married. She is remembered as a giving person, always putting the needs of others before herself.

Sandy is survived by her husband Milo, their daughter Diana and granddaughter Michelle. She is also survived by her brothers, Les Gray of Chinook and Dennis (Marla) Gray of Scobey and good friend Pat Hallet of Glasgow along with many more family members and friends. She is preceded in death by her brothers Jim Gray and Palmer Gray, among others.

There was a memorial service for Sandy on Thursday, August 29 at Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church in Townsend. A luncheon followed the service at 17 Sagebrush Rd (across from the church). Sandy was laid to rest that day at Montana State Veteran's Cemetery at, Fort Harrison, MT.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church 20 Trailhead View Dr. Townsend, MT 59644 or to support local veterans at American Legion Post #42 PO Box 913 Townsend, MT 59644.

MEMORIAL

Curt Diehl

Whitney Montenegro

If you are unable to attend the funeral services in person for Curt Diehl this Saturday, you are invited to utilize the Google Meeting link below to watch it livestream.

Curt Diehl Funeral Services
 Saturday, August 31 · 11am
 Meeting room link opens at 10:30am
 Time zone: America/Denver (MDT)

Google Meet joining info

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AREA DEATHS

Elaine Graveley

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Elaine Graveley, former commissioner, Townsend native and life-long resident of Broadwater County, passed away early Wednesday, August 28, 2024.

Services are pending, according to family members.



Elaine Graveley
 Photo Provided by MT 43 News Supporter

James "Jim" Lafave

Family of James LaFave

James "Jim" LaFave, 82, of Townsend, Montana passed away on August 18, 2024.

Our thanks to everyone for helping us during Hugh van Swearingen's final days and with his memorial service on August 23rd in Helena.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

- * Hospice Attendant Linda Thomas
- * Those who provided food and helped sit with Hugh
- * Those who provided photos and sent emails, texts, phone calls and letters

Sincerely,
Nancy Marks, Susan and Loren Blossom and sons, Jenny van Swearingen and Bart Sevik, The Tovson and van Swearingen Families

Weed of the Month: Field Pennycress

Allison Kosto
 Broadwater County Extension Agent



A rather distinctive plant, at least at maturity, field pennycress can be troublesome in certain situations. It's in the mustard family so it is related to many other obnoxious weeds including yellow alyssum, tumble mustard, flixweed, whitetop and dyer's woad.

Description & Habitat

Native to Eurasia, field pennycress was introduced to the United States in the 1700s and can now be found throughout the states. It is primarily a cropland weed. It is rarely a rangeland weed. However, it can also be found along roadsides, disturbed areas and weedy pastures.

Field pennycress is most often a winter annual which means seeds germinate in the fall and produce a rosette. Then it produces seed and dies the following year. Seeds can also germinate during the spring or summer, but those plants will not form a rosette, only blooming stems. It can grow 18 to 24 inches tall. Plants produce a single erect central flowering stem with several side stems. Leaves are long and oval-shaped. It produces a cluster of white flowers which give way to relatively large (up to 1/2 inch long) flat oval seed pods. This is its most distinctive feature. Each seed pod has two cells with three to eight seeds in each. It is sometimes confused with shepherd's purse which has triangle seed pods.

A unique feature of pennycress is that crushed leaves emit a garlicky odor. In fact, milk from dairy cattle who graze or eat hay with pennycress will have a garlicky flavor. The plant was traditionally cultivated in Europe due to its edible leaves. The seeds can also be ground and used as a mustard substitute and the oil used for cooking.



Field Pennycress
 Photo Credits: Allison Kosto

Management

As an annual plant, the most effective way to control field pennycress is by controlling seed production. They can be done by pulling, digging, tilling or mowing before flowering. Grazing is not recommended. Long-term consumption at high doses can be toxic to horses. In cropland, delayed planting can cause more pennycress seeds to germinate before tilling. Rotating to a perennial crop can also be beneficial.

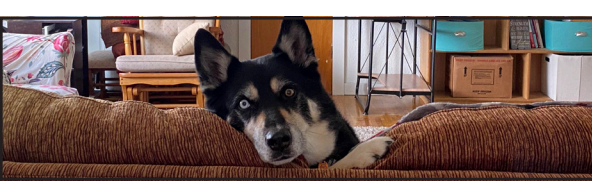
Herbicides can also be effective. Fall or spring applications are the most successful. Most commonly used chemicals include 2,4-D, Banvel, Escot or Telar. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

For assistance on weed identification and management, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242.

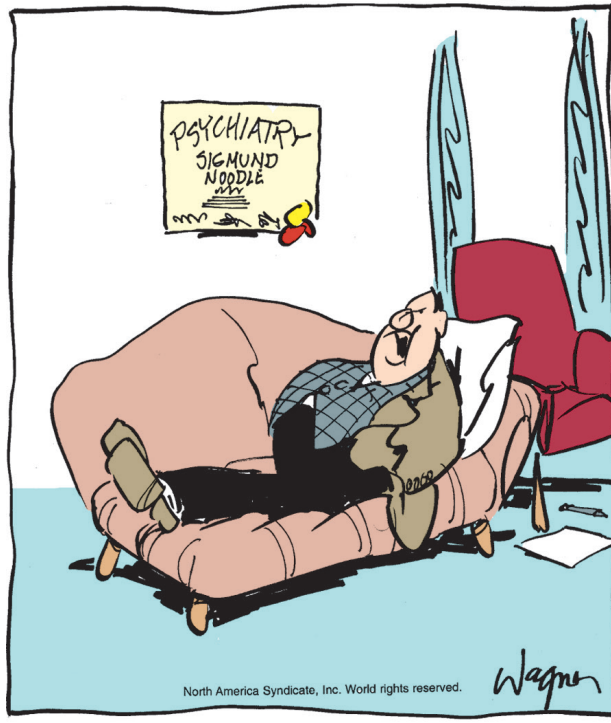
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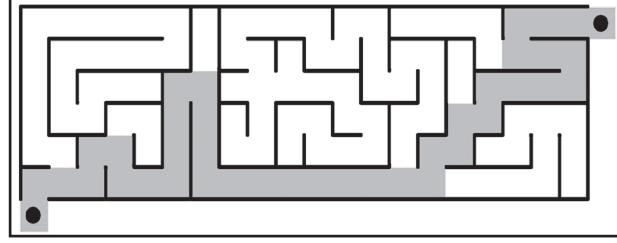


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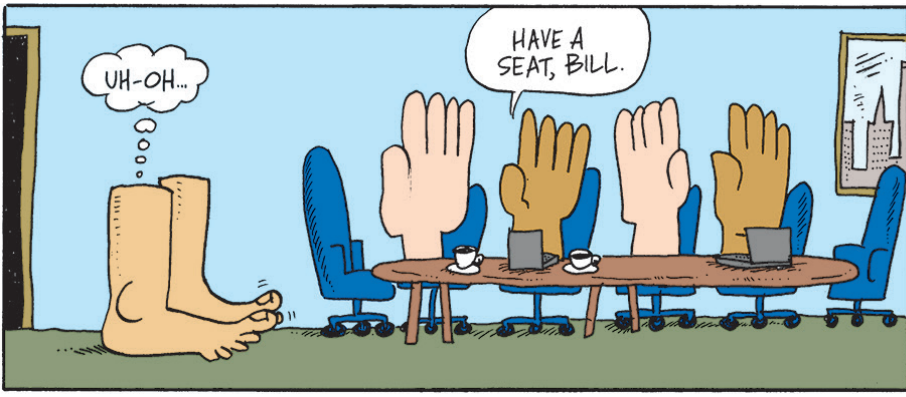


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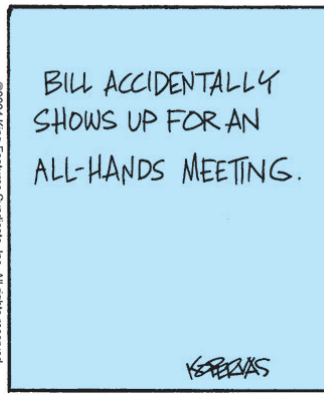
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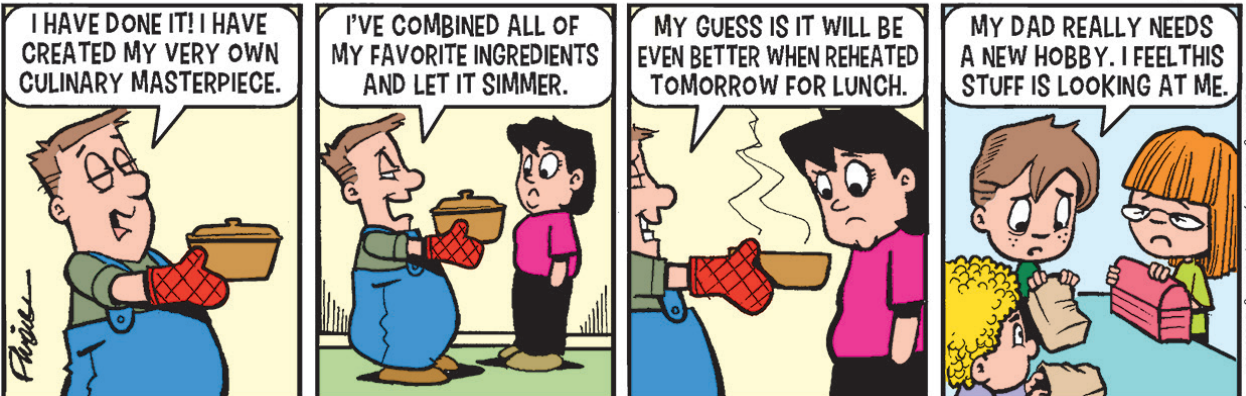
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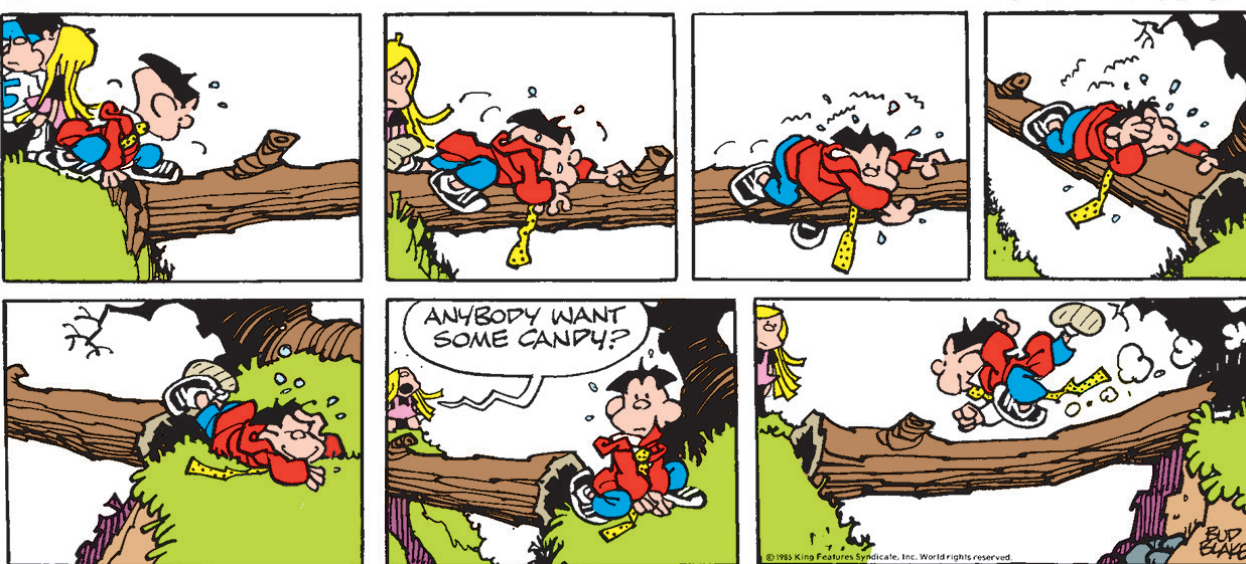
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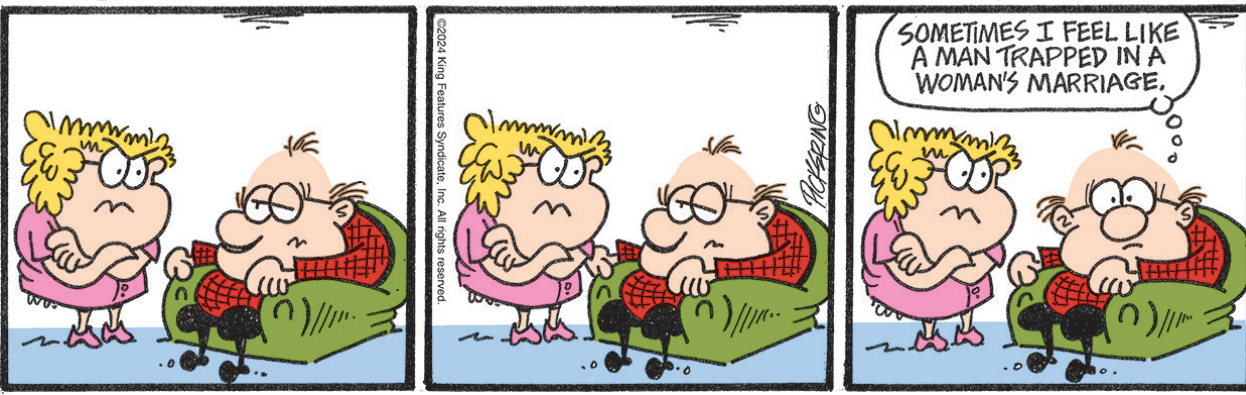
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by BUD BLAKE

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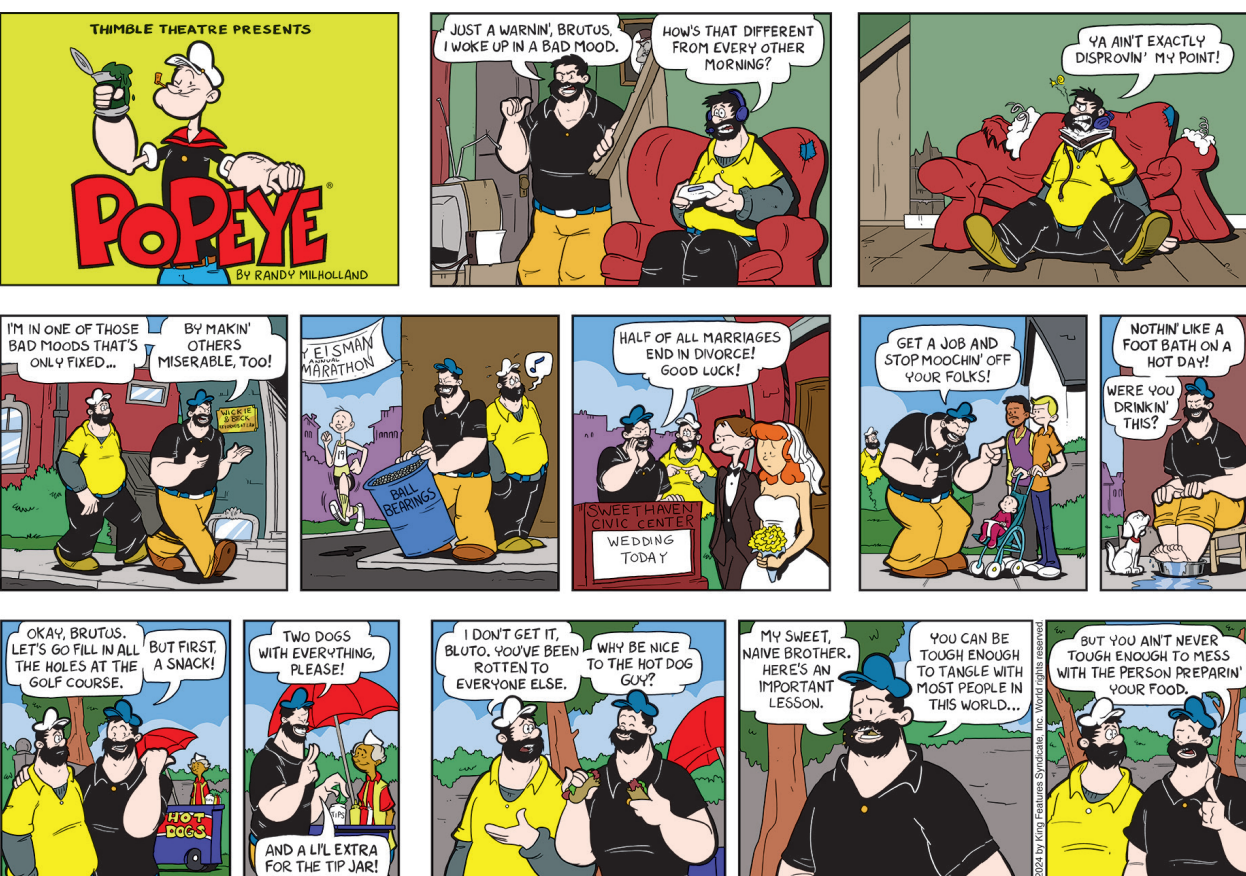
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The Last Bright Bursts of Summer

Jon Bennion
Montana Free Press

This recipe was originally published in the August 12, 2024 issue of the Montana Free Press.



We wait a long time for fresh tomatoes and now is my favorite time to cherish them with this tomato galette.

Few things are more prized at an August farmers market or backyard gathering than tomatoes: eating them in a fresh salad, slicing them onto a BLT, or making your favorite salsa. We wait a long time for fresh tomatoes, and now is my favorite time to cherish them with this tomato galette.

As a “new world” ingredient, tomatoes have quickly found their way into the cuisines of just about every part of the globe. There are good reasons why.

I think we all have some strong memories connected to tomatoes. For me it’s my grandparents and parents canning them each September to preserve their summer goodness for the long Montana winters. We knew our days of backyard tomatoes were numbered.

I can think of lots of great ways to celebrate the bright bursts of summer flavor we get from tomatoes, but for our family, few can top this tomato galette. We wait all year to make it, and it has never let us down.

This rustic version of a tart can be made savory or sweet. This galette recipe sits firmly in the savory camp, with hints of sweetness from caramelized onion and fennel and some nice cherry tomatoes.

But don’t buy those cherry tomatoes you see in your grocery store year-round. The freshness of your cherry tomatoes will be the most significant factor in whether this dish turns out to be a summertime hit or a disappointing dud.

The crust recipe might be culinary territory you’ve never explored. Don’t be scared. A food processor makes it relatively easy. But if you want to cheat a little, seek out a store-bought crust that has no sugar listed in the ingredients.

This recipe calls for less Gruyere cheese than mozzarella because Gruyere packs more flavor. In both cases, do not buy the pre-shredded stuff that

often contains additives that will prevent good melting. Grating a little cheese isn’t going to kill you, and you save money in the long run.

Over the years I have drawn from a variety of recipes, putting the best elements and lessons learned into this recipe. The butter levels, caramelized onion and Gruyere cheese would please the French. The mozzarella, fennel, tomato and basil would please the Italians. This galette is bright, cheesy, savory, a bit sweet, and herby. For those reasons, it pleases this Montanan.

TOMATO GALETTE RECIPE

Crust:

Combine 2 cups flour and 12 tbsp cold salted butter (a stick and a half) in half-inch cubes in a food processor. Pulse the ingredients until it resembles couscous, then gradually add 1/4 cup of ice water while pulsing. Pull it all together into one piece outside of the food processor, cover it in plastic wrap, and let it sit in the fridge for at least an hour.

Filling:

1/2 cup shredded Gruyere
1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella
1 medium onion
1 fennel bulb (if you can’t find fresh fennel, just go without and use a large onion instead of the medium onion recommended above)
2 tsp salted butter
16-18 ounces fresh cherry tomatoes
1 beaten egg
2 tsp cream for egg wash
freshly torn basil, shaved parmesan cheese, and/or fennel fronds for topping

Slice the onion and fennel into thin strips and start to sauté with the 2 tsp butter in a pan on medium-low heat. Cover the pan with a lid or foil. Check every 3 to 5 minutes and add a few tablespoons of water and stir so any brown bits start to caramelize. Cover again. Repeat over the course of half an hour to an hour, or until the onions and fennel are golden brown and reduced to a quarter of their original volume with no remaining liquid.

Roll your dough to 1/8” thickness, and feel free to trim the edges to make a more even circle.



Rustic Tart
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Place the dough on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Spread all the cheese in the center of the crust, leaving a few inches around the perimeter bare. Then add the caramelized fennel and onion, followed by the tomatoes.

Preheat your oven to 425 Fahrenheit. Fold and crimp the dough’s edge to form a barrier so no contents can escape the galette. Brush the crust with egg wash. Bake for about 40 minutes, or until nicely golden brown, rotating the pan halfway through.

You should let the galette rest for 10 to 15 minutes — the tomatoes will be far too hot to eat immediately. Top with torn fresh basil, shaved parmesan cheese, and/or fennel fronds just before serving.

Jon Bennion was born and raised in Billings and has lived in various parts of Montana nearly his whole life. Outside of his day job as an attorney, you can find Jon experimenting in the kitchen and developing recipes that often feature a Montana ingredient or story. Jon posts on Instagram as an Intermediate Chef (@intermediatechef) and lives in Clancy, MT.

Cooking the Wily Sharptail

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

I have to admit I’m not a big sage or sharptail grouse fan, but my husband and I do love the openness of prairie hunting, so have taken our fair share over the years. And every one of our Labradors can count a sage or sharptail grouse as their first ever wild bird. It’s much easier to keep an eye on the pup in open country, and easier to chase them down on the flats. Plus, it gives them—and us—several more weeks of hunting. Everyone’s happy. That changes when we get to the kitchen. While husband John and our furry friends are perfectly happy to eat sage birds as is, I insist on flavor modification.

I’m not alone. So when Ducks Unlimited asked

me to write an upland bird cookbook, I included all the after-the-shot tricks I’ve learned on how to make these sage birds enjoyable to eat. Before-the-shot tricks? I have only one. Many years ago, we found a large covey of early season sharpies gorging themselves on buffalo berries. Their beaks and breast feathers were stained red, and they were loath to leave the dinner table, so ‘sneaking’ up on them was relatively easy. Even I took a limit that day, but the best part was the eating. Their meat was sweet and mild unlike any other sage birds we’ve taken. For those stronger tasting birds, this recipe really works to soothe the savage beast.

Finally, there are two things to remember about port. Number one, adding alcohol directly from the bottle into a hot pan, risks having the stuff ignite and ride back up into the bottle. Pour it into a measuring cup first. Second, even Cooks Illustrated says you don’t need an expensive port for cooking, so you can try this moist, rich, tangy dish with little risk. My guess is, you’ll start stocking port, and also start looking for those sharptail coveys just a bit harder.

Portly Sharptail Breasts

serves 4-6

Ingredients

2 teaspoons olive oil
2 teaspoons sugar
1/4 cup minced shallots
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
2/3 cup port wine
3 teaspoons chicken bouillon granules
2 cups hot water
boned breasts of 6-8 sharptails or prairie chickens



Sagebird Stroganoff
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Cooking

1. Preheat the oven to 325F. In a 9 to 10-inch covered sauté pan (or Dutch oven) heat the oil and sugar over medium-high heat. When the oil just starts to smoke, back the heat down to medium and add the shallots, garlic, salt, and pepper. Sauté until the shallots start to turn golden brown, stirring constantly, about 1 minute.

2. Add the port wine, and stir it into the shallots. Continue sauteing over medium heat, stirring often, until the port wine has been reduced to about 1/3 in volume. (It will look thick, and feel slightly sticky on the spoon.) Combine the bouillon granules and water, then add to the pan, stirring it into the thickened port wine.

3. As the pan comes back to a simmer, dry the sharptail breasts with paper towels, then bury them into the simmering pan juices. Cover the pan, and place it in the center of the oven. Continue cooking for another 45 minutes. Serve with egg noodles.

Check out Eileen’s Upland Game Bird Cookery. Hardcover, 180 pages, about 100 recipes and 41 pages of field-to-kitchen care photos from quail and dove to pheasants, forest and prairie grouse—to turkeys. \$20 at www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273



Eileen with a Sharptail Grouse
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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Doings of a Week

Last Tuesday Chas. McCuin, the veteran stage driver and mail carrier, had a little mix-up with his team at Zook's place which resulted in the wagon being overturned but only slight damage was done. One passenger was aboard, but both occupants of the rig escaped injury. Mr. McCuin is an old Montana stage driver and, in his time, probably came out of much worse runaways.

Fick McCormick sat down on a sheet of fly paper the other day and wore it around on his gable end for a while until some of his friends called his attention to the decoration. It was his best pair of pants, so he had to go to bed while the cleaner removed the fly catcher.

1940

"Canton" News

Wayne, Hubert, Laird and Fred Plymale and William Ringer, who departed for Yellowstone National Park on Monday of last week, returned home on Saturday.

William Cotter motored to Missoula on Wednesday of this week to attend a trustee's meeting of Beet Growers Association.

The Canton Valley Woman's club held their regular meeting at their club room in Canton on Wednesday p.m. with Miss Irma Mae Daniels, 5th grade teacher of the Townsend Public Schools as speaker. She gave a talk on her trip to the south and showed various scenes of her travels. Guests of the club were Mrs. Ed Ragen, Mrs. Paul Ragen and daughter, Mrs. Dan Sullivan and Mrs. Ed Daniels. Mrs. Walter Ragen was afternoon hostess.

1968

Kay Gilstrap Home from Abroad

Miss Kay Gilstrap who has been with the State Department since 1963, recently returned home after spending a little over two years with the American Embassy at Djakarta Indonesia. She had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gilstrap at Montevue, Idaho.

Kay, accompanied by her sister, Sally, was in Townsend last week visiting friends, and in Helena where they visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Fell. The Gilstrap family formerly lived here and

Kay graduated from Broadwater County High School.

Sept. 3 Miss Gilstrap will leave for Washington, D.C., for a three-day consultation before leaving for a new post with the embassy at Rawalpindi, West Pakistan.

1996

Around Town

Judy and Franklin Slifka attended the Weinerfest in Helena Friday. They enjoyed the afternoon of events and also entered their dog, Mocha, in events held throughout the day.

Thursday, Jan and Terry Stocks were dinner guests of Edith Alex. Friday, Edith enjoyed dinner at the Fireside with Hubert and Hilma White, Ray Wallace and Linda White.

Jo Lewis was a weekend visitor in Three Forks at the home of her granddaughter and family, Tracy and Edwin Spatzierath, Brittany and Brandy Jo.

Monday, Doreen Sautter, Helen Obert and LaVay Johnson visited at Loretta Ryan's. While there they worked on crafts.

Thursday, Alta Townsley and Eleanor Holling visited Monte Olsen and Bradley and Gary and Judy Olsen.

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ROAD TRIP AROUND MONTANA

Symphony Under the Stars

Brenda Phillips



The third Saturday in July is the weekend to be in Helena for the Symphony Under the Stars. Helena Symphony, Carroll College and Intrepid Credit Union have just celebrated the 20th Anniversary of this fun, family-friendly activity. This year the symphony featured the music of Tina Turner. The memories were brought back with songs like Proud Mary, What's Love Got to Do With I, Tommy: Overture & Pinball Wizard, Son of a Preacher Man and more. To top it all off the evening ended with fireworks with upbeat background music of Disco Inferno.

It is estimated that there were about 15,000 folks who came together on the quilted hill of Carrol College to enjoy family and friends and great symphony music. We have been blessed for the last 3 years to have our grandchildren, who all play a musical instrument, come down from Great Falls to enjoy the symphony. Everyone comes in Friday or early Saturday to put blankets on the hill and grounds to reserve their spot. The hillside then looks like the biggest patchwork quilt you have ever seen. The blankets are held down by canned food items that are collected at the concert by



Saturday afternoon at Carroll College - Quilted Grounds. Look at all those blankets!
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many volunteers. This year over 17,000 lbs. of food were collected for Helena Food Share. There are food vendors available and lots of people bring picnics and snacks to share with friends and family.

It took us a couple of years to figure out the best place to park because it is crowded. It is a bit of a walk to get across the campus but there are handicapped options available if you have limitations. The show doesn't start until 8:30 but we have enjoyed arriving

early and spending time with the grandkids on a nice July evening. The fireworks at the end of the night are some of the best in the state and the symphony music just enhances the experience. There is no charge for the concert but we donate to the red bucket brigade so that this tradition can continue.

So, if you have never been to the Symphony Under the Stars, you should put it on your calendar for July 2025.



Quilts on the hill are being held down by canned food for Helena Food Share.
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Helena Sunset over Symphony Under the Stars
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